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I find the currently proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case disturbing. Simply, it is thoroughly ineffectual. Microsoft has a long history of stifling innovation in the software industry through its anti-competitive practices. An appropriate settlement would restore competition to the operating system, browser, and office applications sectors of the software industry. The leverage that Microsoft currently holds in these areas prevents the necessary competition that leads to innovation.

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